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FOR: Basic Fibroblast Growth  
Treatment of Sepsis

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 5.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

*C'* 1. (amended) A method of inhibiting the generation of ceramide from sphingomyelin comprising the step of administering basic fibroblast growth factor to an animal in need of such treatment.